Recommendation of Khan Committee on Privatisation of Telecom Department

346. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main recommendations of the Khan Committee to privatise Telecommunication Department for converting it into a private body on the lines of British Telecom;

(b) what is Government's response to each of the recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) what is the present position and Government policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The Khan Committee has recommended the conversion of status of the Department of Telecommunications, for eventual conversion of operating unit of Department of Telecommunications into a private body on the lines of British Telecom. The main recommendations are as follows:

(i) Formation of a holding company with Headquarters at Delhi.

(ii) A Long distance corporation.

(iii) A metro Corporation encompassing the 4 metro cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras.

(iv) India Telecom, North for 14 Telecom Circles viz. Jammu and Kashmir Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya pradesh, Uttar Pradesh (East), Uttar Pradesh (west), Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa, Assam, North East and Gujarat.

(v) India Telecom. South for 5 Telecom. Circles viz. Maharashtra, Andhra pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka.

(b) & (c) the recommendations of Khan Committee are presently under consideration.

Setting up of Shipbreaking Yard in Orissa

347. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a ship breaking yard in Orissa;

(b) whether it is a fact that the above proposal has been pending since long;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay in implementation the above proposal;

(d) whether the above proposal is expected to be implemented during the current financial year; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

और अधिक क्षेत्रीय पासपोर्ट कार्यालयों का खोला जाना

348. **श्री ईशदत्त यादव:**
श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:
चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार उत्तर प्रदेश, मध्य प्रदेश, महाराष्ट्र और गुजरात में और अधिक क्षेत्रीय पासपोर्ट कार्यालय खोलने का है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में अब तक हुई प्रगति का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या उक्त राज्यों की सरकारों द्वारा भी इस संबंध में कुछ प्रस्ताव भेजे गये हैं;